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Title: PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOSOLID GRANULES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant is submitting herewith copies of the references cited in the specification and cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application.

Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of this application and prior to the first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fees are due. However, in the event any fees are due, Applicant respectfully requests that any and all fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Respectfully submitted,

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